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Tarpon Springs Police Department Detectives have arrested a suspect, Richard Lee Brockington in the murder of Eddie Dixon which occurred on December 7th, 2012 inside his apartment at 351 N Ring Village. The suspect lived in the same complex in an apartment across from the victims, they did know each other; however, were not considered friends but had no known problems with each other. The motive of this crime is believed to be financial gain, theft.

Suspect information;

Richard Lee Brockington
B/M, 11/23/1967
349 N. Ring Village
Tarpon Springs, FL 34689

Below is some of the information Detective Barry Wireman used in the Arrest Affidavit of Richard Brockington detailing the probable cause for his arrest;

The undersigned swears that he has reasonable grounds to believe that the above named defendant on the 7th day of December, 2012 at approximately 10:08 p.m. at 351 North Ring Village, Tarpon Springs, Florida, in Pinellas County did:

- Unlawfully, and from a premeditated design to effect the death of Eddie Dixon, a human being, did repeatedly stab Mr. Dixon, with an unknown edged weapon, thereby inflicting upon Mr. Dixon mortal wounds, of which said mortal wounds, and by the means aforesaid and as a direct result thereof, Mr. Dixon died. Defendant was known to the victim, and entered the victim's home without force, and by apparent invitation with the intention of stealing Mr. Dixon's money. Mr. Dixon was known to carry large amounts of money in large bills because he was wary of keeping money in the bank. It was also known that Mr. Dixon received this money (government and VA assistance) at a set time of the month (the beginning of the month). Mr. Dixon was known to keep his money, comprised mostly of \$50 bills, on his person, either in his socks, or in his pockets. Defendant did repeatedly stab the victim in the upper torso with an unknown edged weapon, until the victim was deceased. The defendant then rifled through the victim's pants, pulling the pockets inside out. The defendant also went through the victim's socks, pulling them down in an apparent search for money.*
- The defendant can be seen on video walking from his apartment to the victim's apartment, and then leaving a few minutes later with two wallets. He empties the contents of one wallet and*



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places those contents in his wallet, and then hides the wallet in the bushes of a neighboring apartment, which he then enters. The resident of the apartment he enters advised during interview that the defendant had several \$50 bills in his possession, and that he had blood on his shirt.

- The defendant can be seen on video later in the morning looking for the wallet he had placed in the bushes, and eventually he recovers it, and removes it. The defendant's roommate advised that the defendant entered the apartment in the early morning hours after the homicide, and showered. She has not seen the clothes he was wearing since that night.*
- The only person who entered the victim's apartment prior to the defendant was the daughter. Mr. Dixon was seen exiting his apartment after his daughter leaves, and sitting in a chair. He is then seen re-entering his apartment. No one enters the apartment again until the defendant is seen entering.*

The video which shows the area just outside the front door of the victim's apartment is not available at this time as it is still part of the active criminal investigation. The suspect did not make any statements regarding involvement in this crime to detectives.

Richard Brockington was arrested and charged with Murder in the first degree, and has been transported to the Pinellas County Jail, booking photo can be obtained from the jail.

Respectfully,

Captain Jeffrey P. Young



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